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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-17, and 19-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Irvin (US 6195568).

Regarding **claim 1**, Irvin teaches a system that provides an access mode, comprising: an input component that receives a signal (item 120 in Figure 3); a retrieving component that utilizes the signal to obtain the access mode (item 180 in Figure 3); and a loading component that activates the access mode to provide a user with functionality associated with the access mode (item 190 in Figure 3; Also, Col. 5, lines 10-33).

Regarding **claim 2**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the signal is a user-generated request for the access mode (Col. 3, lines 1-21; Figure 4).

Regarding **claim 3**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the signal is indicative of the access mode (Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 4**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the access mode is one of a plurality of pre-defined access modes (Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 5**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the access mode comprises at least one of an infant mode, a toddler mode, a child mode, a teen mode, a friend mode, an owner mode, a security mode and an administrator mode (Figure 4; Col. 5, lines 15-19; lines 35-40).

Regarding **claim 6**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the access mode includes a subset of available functionalities (Figure 2). This claim is not teaching anything new.

Regarding **claim 7**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, the access mode is configured to disable radio frequency transmission and reception (item 150 in Figure 3).

Regarding **claim 8**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1, further comprising a component that issues and reads a security code that provides the user with the ability to manually activate and deactivate a particular access mode of a plurality of access modes (Col. 5, lines 47-48).

Regarding **claim 9**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 1 is employed in connection with one of a mobile communication device and a computer (item 20 in Figure 4).

Regarding **claim 10**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 9, the mobile communication device is a cell phone (Col. 1, line 25).

Regarding **claim 11**, Irvin teaches a system that distributes one or more user-based privileges, comprising: an identification component that maps a user input to a user (items 120, 130 in Figure 5); a filter component that retrieves the one or more privileges associated with the user, the one or more privileges determine a subset of feature(s) from a set of available features that a user can employ (item 170 in Figure 3); and a loading component that loads the one or more privileges to a computing device so that the user can employ the subset of features via the device (items 180 and 190 in Figure 3 ; Also, Col. 5, lines 10-33).

Regarding **claim 12**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 11, the one or more privileges are associated with at least one level of functionality ("operational profile", Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 13**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 11, the one or more privileges are associated with one or more users (Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 14**, Irvin teaches all the particulars of the claim except the system of claim 11, wherein the one or more privileges are grouped by the user to form a custom level of functionality (Col. 3, lines 2-4).

Regarding **claim 15**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 11 is employed in connection with one of a mobile communication device and a computer (item 20 in Figure 4).

Regarding **claim 16**, Irvin teaches a system that intelligently selects a mode, comprising: a component that accepts information (item 120 in Figure 3); a decision component that utilizes the information to select the mode (items 140-170 in Figure 3), and a processing component that loads the mode to define a scope of access for a device (item 190 in Figure 3; Also, Col. 5, lines 10-33).

Regarding **claim 17**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 16, the mode is one of a pre-defined mode or an automatically generated mode (Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 19**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 16, the decision component employs at least one of a statistic, a probability, an inference and a classifier to facilitate selecting the mode ("pattern recognition parameters"; Col 1, lines 18-21; Col. 5, lines 54-67; Col. 6, lines 1-4).

Regarding **claim 20**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 16, the decision component employs one or more of a Bayesian learning model, a Bayesian classifier, a decision tree learning model, a support vector machines, a linear regression, a non-linear regression and a neural network to facilitate selecting the mode ("pattern recognition"; Col 1, lines 18-21; Col. 5, lines 54-67; Col. 6, lines 1-4). These are well known in the field of decision theory/detection theory/statistical pattern recognition/hypothesis testing.

Regarding **claim 21**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 16, the information is associated with one of a signal indicative of the mode or the user (Figure 2).

Regarding **claim 22**, Irvin teaches the system of claim 16 is employed in connection with a mobile phone (Col. 1, line 25).

Regarding **claim 23**, Irvin teaches a methodology that activates a mode, comprising: receiving a signal indicative of the mode to activate (item 120 in Figure 3); interpreting the signal (items 130 and 140 in Figure 3); retrieving the mode, based at least in part on the interpretation, and activating the mode (items 170,180,190 in figure 3).

Regarding **claim 24**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 23, the mode includes a set or a subset of an available functionality (Figure 2). This claim is not teaching anything new.

Regarding **claim 25**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 23, the mode is one of a plurality of modes; respective modes have at least one different privilege (Figure 2). Also, it is a design choice (Col. 5, lines 14-16)

Regarding **claim 26**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 23, the mode comprises one or more of an infant mode, a toddler mode, a child mode, a teen mode, a friend mode, an owner mode, a security mode and an administrator mode (Figure 4; Col. 5, lines 15-19; lines 35-40).

Regarding **claim 27**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 23; the mode is configured to disable radio frequency transmission and reception (item 150 in Figure 3).

Regarding **claim 28**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 23 is employed in connection with a mobile phone (Col. 1, line 25).

Regarding **claim 29**, Irvin teaches a methodology that activates a mode, comprising: obtaining user information (item 120 in Figure 3); mapping the user information to determine a user identification (item 140 in Figure 3); utilizing the user identification to select and obtain a level of access associated with the user from a plurality of levels, and loading the level of access (items 170-190 in Figure 3).

Regarding **claim 30**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 29, the user information comprising indicia indicative of the user (Col. 3, lines 13-15).

Regarding **claim 31**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 29, the user input comprising at least one of a unique identification, a logon, a password, voice, an iris map, a fingerprint and a facial characteristic ("passwords", Col. 3, lines 14-16; "finger prints", "retina scans", Col. 6, lines 20-23).

Regarding **claim 32**, Irvin teaches the methodology of claim 29, further comprising employing intelligence to facilitate selecting the level of access (Col. 3, lines 1-20).

Regarding **claim 33**, Irvin teaches a mode dispensing system, comprising: means for receiving an input associated with a mode; means for retrieving the mode based at least in part on the received input, and means for activating the mode (Figures 1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Irvin (US 6195568) in view of Engstrom et al. (hereinafter Engstrom) (US 2006/0121885).

Regarding claim 18, Irvin teaches all the particulars of the claim except the system of claim 16, the mode expires after time duration, a number of user requests, completion of a demonstration or completion of a training application. However, Engstrom teaches in an analogous art, the system of claim 16, the mode expires after time duration, a number of user requests, completion of a demonstration or completion of a training application (Paragraph [0033], lines 13-16). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the system; the mode expires after time duration, a number of user requests, completion of a demonstration or completion of a training application. This modification provides additional features to the existing system and hence makes the system more secure.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Muthuswamy G. Manoharan whose telephone number is 571-272-5515. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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